

Waste Removal on Fruitland Site Begins Today

Debris curtain, storm water pollution prevention & installation of 5 air monitors completed last week

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Cal Recycle will begin removal of solid wastes at the Fruitland Site today. The solid wastes, made up of building debris and hazardous waste will be removed off of the Fruitland Site. In preparation of this increased activity at the Site, EPA has installed a debris curtain and 5 air monitors around the perimeter of the Site to make sure the community is safe from any potential dust from site activities.

Removal Actions

Beginning this week, solid wastes will be identified and loaded onto trucks to be properly disposed of at a nearby facility.

Removal trucks will be avoiding residential neighborhoods, and will not be traveling through E. 52nd St.

Safety Measures for the Community

It is a top priority for EPA to prevent waste dust from leaving the site perimeter. The following controls will be used:

Storm Water Pollution Prevention – Straw wattle erosion controls were installed around the perimeter of the site to prevent rain from spreading ash or soil off the site.

Debris Curtain – Installed to protect against dust or debris along the southern boundary between the facility and adjacent residential properties.

Dust Suppression – A soil sealant, similar to a glue, has been applied to debris and soils at the site to control dust generation. When these materials are being sorted or loaded into trucks they will be sprayed with water to control dust generation.

Air Monitoring – Instruments that measure total dust in the air and collect samples for potentially hazardous metals in dust are stationed at five locations both upwind & downwind of the site. Additionally, air monitoring for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) in air will be done at the site: no VOCs in air have been observed to date.

Site Contaminants

EPA has identified metals such as Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Lead and Mercury as the contaminants of concern at the site. **Next Steps**

After removal of debris piles is completed, EPA will evaluate site conditions to ensure that no hazardous wastes remain at the site. Prior to the fire, most of the ground surface at the site was covered with concrete or asphalt and EPA does not anticipate needing below surface excavation.

Site History

On June 14, 2016, a fire started in Maywood, Calif. The fire burned Panda International Trading, located

at 3570 Fruitland Avenue. Fruitland Avenue is a commercial/light manufacturing district. A residential neighborhood directly borders the south end of the site. The facility includes businesses, Panda International Trading (PIT) and Sokor Metals. PIT is a scrap metal yard that sends scrap metal for reuse, and Sokor Metals is also a metals recycling operation.

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